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GROUP ON NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

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1. DURING MARCH 28 PLENARY MEETING, SOVIET DEL TABLED
A DRAFT DECISION (CCD/564) ON "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD
HOC GROUP OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO CONSIDER
THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION." U.S.
DEL HAD BEEN INFORMED EARLIER OF SOVIET INTENT TO PROPOSE
SUCH AN AD HOC GROUP (REPORTED REFTEL) DURING FEBRUARY 16
PLENARY MEETING OF THE US-USSR ARMS CONTROL WORKING GROUP
ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUC-
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2. TEXT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT: THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMA-
MENT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE URGENT CALL OF THE
THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON

STATES TO REFRAIN FROM DEVELOPING NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS BASED ON NEW SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES AS WELL AS ITS REQUEST TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS, AIMED AT WORKING OUT THE TEXT OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND NEW SYSTEMS OF SUCH WEAPONS, DECIDES TO ESTABLISH UNDER ITS AUSPICES AN AD HOC GROUP OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE AREAS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL LIST OF THE TYPES OF SUCH WEAPONS TO BE PROHIBITED UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT (DOC.CCD/511/REV.1).

SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS NOMINATED BY ANY CCD MEMBER STATE MAY TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP. IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE GROUP TO DRAW ON EXPERTISE OF OTHER STATES, MEMBERSHIP IN THE AD HOC GROUP WILL ALSO BE KEPT OPEN TO SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS NOMINATED BY STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED IN THE CCD, UPON INVITATION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT.

THE AD HOC GROUP WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING DURING
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THE WEEK BEGINNING 7 AUGUST 1978. THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT INVITES THE GROUP TO PRESENT TO THE CONFERENCE ITS PROGRESS REPORT BEFORE THE END OF THE 1978 SUMMER SESSION.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT DECIDES THAT THE GROUP WILL ELECT ITS CHAIRMAN. IT FURTHER DECIDES THAT THE GROUP SHOULD STRIVE FOR REACHING CONSENSUS IN ITS REPORTS AND THAT IN CASES WHEN SUCH CONSENSUS CANNOT BE REACHED, EACH EXPERT WILL BE ENTITLED TO STATE IN THE REPORTS HIS OWN POINT OF VIEW.

THE GROUP SHOULD CONDUCT ITS WORK ON AN INFORMAL BASIS PREPARING, WHEN NEEDED, UNOFFICIAL WORKING DOCUMENTS AND PROTOCOLS. THE REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT WILL BE PREPARED ON AN OFFICIAL BASIS.

THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT REQUESTS THE SECRETARIAT TO TAKE MEASURES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE GROUP THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES. END TEXT
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